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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Pat Caldwell

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2000.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-8 and 12-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-8 and 12-16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been:
1. ☐ received.
2. ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number) _____.
3. ☐ received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to amendment that was received 6/29/00. Claims 1,2,4-8 and 11-16 are allowed. Claim 17 is amended. Claims 1,2,4-8 and 11-19 are currently pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1,2,4-8 and 11-16 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art (APA), pp. 2-8, in view of Potel, "The architecture of the Taligent system", Dr. Dobb's on CD-ROM, Spring 1994

As per **claim 17**:

APA teaches network component layer (**Web services**) for creating a plurality of components and invoking a component to provide network service [pp. 2-8]

However, APA does not teach a software component architecture layer and a platform for developing components for operations on a variety of hardware and software computer systems and network component layer includes application programming

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interfaces that are adapted to construct network navigation components to represent different network resources available on the computer network.

Potel et al disclose controlling operations of a computer system with a operating system coupled to a software component architecture layer (**Taligent architecture of extensible software frameworks that are a collection of objects that provide an integrated service**) network component layer includes application programming interfaces (**frameworks covering areas such as user interfaces, networking and distributed computing**) that are adapted to construct network navigation components to represent different network resources (**client API that looks like the file system interfaces**) available on the computer network (pp. 1- 5].

It would have been obvious to modify the system of APA by implementing the limitations discussed above because it provides the capability for extending services across diverse operating systems and hardware platforms.

As per **claim 18**:

APA in combination with Potel et al teaches extending navigation components (API that provides interfaces for extensions of frameworks) [Potel: page 2 of enclosed copy].

As per **claim 19**:

APA in combination with Potel et al teaches browsing (dynamic browsers) [Potel : page 3 of enclosed copy].

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Response to Arguments

3. Applicants argued that APA in view of Potel do not teach or suggest the claim 17 as amended.

In response, APA in view of Potel teach frameworks which provide APIs for user interfaces and networking and which provide a look of the system.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pat Caldwell whose telephone number is 703-305-3805. The examiner can normally be reached on FLEXTIME.

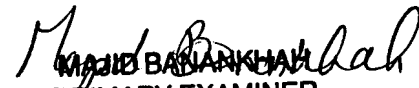
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The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-9051 for regular communications and 703-308-9052 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-9600.

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